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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION PARTIES INTRODUCE NO CONFIDENCE MOTION
OVER RADIO/TV REFORM

1. FOLLOWING HEATED DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT ON JULY 9 OVER BILL
TO REFORM RADIO/TV (ORF) OPPOSITION PEOPLE'S PARTY (OEP)
ENTERED MOTION FOR NO CONFIDENCE VOTE AGAINST KREISKY GOVERNMENT.
FREEDOM PARTY (FPOE) SUPPORTED OEP NO CONFIDENCE MOTION.
BOTH OPPOSITION PARTIES ALSO CALLED FOR PARLIAMENTARY VOTE
ON HOLDING POPULAR REFERENDUM ON ORF REFORM. DEBATE CONTINUING
TODAY AND MAY NOT BE CONCLUDED BEFORE TOMORROW. GIVEN
BOTING DISCIPLINE OF GOVERNING SOCIALIST PARTY (SPOE)
WE ANTICIPATETHAT BOTH NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE AND POPULAR REFERENDUM
VOTE WILL BE DEFEATED BY NARROW MAJORITY OF SOCIALISTS.

2. MOST CONTENTIOUS ISSUE IN RADIO/TV REFORM BILL CONCERNS
CREATION OF A 30-MEMBER POLICY-MAKING SUPERVISORY BOARD ON WHICH
GOVERNMENT AND PARTY IN POWER WILL HAVE A MAJORITY IN CONTRAST
TO PRESENT SITUATION WHERE VIRTUALLY AUTONOMOUS GENERAL MANAGER
OF ORF ENJOYS SUPPORT OF OEPV CONTROLLED BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

3. CURRENT DEBATE BEGAN ON SOUR NOTE SINCE SPOE MAJORITY
PUSHED BILL THROUGH CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE ON JULY 5
AFTER OPPOSITION PARTIES WALKED OUT ALLEGEDLY ANGERED BY CHANCELLOR
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KREISKY'S ABSENCE (ATTENDING TUNNEL RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

IN WESTERN AUSTRIA). THROUGHOUT DEBATE OPPOSITION PARTIES
ARGUE THAT NEW LAW WOULD TURN ORF INTO GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED
BROADCASTING SYSTEM WHILE SOCIALISTS COUNTER THAT COMPLETE
INDEPENDENCE OF OEVP-PARTISAN GENERAL MANAGER BACHER HAS
MADE ORF INTO AN UNDEMOCRATIC (MEANING ANTI-SPOE) INSTRUMENTALITY.

4. DETAILS ON ORF REFORM LAW WILL BE POUCHED. HUMES

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